

**Village of Lovington  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 9, 2013**

**Call to order:** President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** President Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Doug Smith, Roger Walker, Pam Anklam, Jim McMahan and Barry Morgan. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present. Absent: Dennis Garmon and Treasurer Katie Stanley

**Guests** present were Ralph Zancha, Bill Linville, Florence Hallford from the News-Progress

Those noted as requesting to speak were Ralph Zancha and Bill Linville

1. Ralph Zancha who rents the old Village Hall passed out flyers for the Grand opening of Zancha's Guns & Ammo this Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the building has changed a lot and invited everyone to stop in.
2. **Bill Linville re: neighbor blocking driveway at 8 Virginia Drive**  
Mr. Linville has spoken to Trustee Walker regarding this problem. His neighbor has a truck and trailer that is blocking his driveway. His neighbor has moved them some but not far enough to get in and out easily. Trustee Walker stated that the Village did talk about extending the alley behind the neighbor's property so that they can get to the back of their property, but not so that they can park in the alley. They would need to put their own rock on their property to park on. – Trustee Smith says some of the alley has already been done; it is the Village responsibility to make sure Village residence can get to their property. Trustee Smith will look into getting the cul-de-sac done; will need to see how much it would cost to create one; the grass has over grown the cul-de-sac that was there at one time.

**Correspondence**

None

**New Business**

1. **Discussion and action on 2014 Regular Board Meeting schedule**  
A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to approve the 2014 Regular Board Meeting schedule as presented.  
**YEA:** Smith, Walker, Anklam, McMahan, Morgan  
**Absent:** Garmon  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **Discussion and action on the purchase of a utility vehicle or golf cart for use by the water and streets departments**  
Trustee McMahan presented a handout of a Yardsport vehicle that would cost \$3,499. It was asked why the Village would need this. Answer - It would speed up water meter reading. Currently it takes 1 ½ to 2 days to read meters, by using a utility vehicle it can be done in about 6 hours. It can also be used for spraying weeds and other uses as well. Mayor Minor stated that the communities around Lovington all have one. Trustee Smith – Has seen a lot of equipment in the shed that haven't been used or maintained. Tool box that was purchased a few years ago is now empty.  
A **Motion** was made by Smith and seconded by Morgan to table the purchase of a utility vehicle or golf cart for use by the water and streets departments.  
**YEA:** Walker, Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith  
**Absent:** Garmon  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **Discussion and action on Park Board request for \$550 for Breakfast with Santa on December 14**  
Mayor Minor stated that he gave Amanda permission to get the filers out since the 14<sup>th</sup> is this Saturday and the meeting was on the 9th.  
A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklam to provide **up to** \$550 to the Park Board for Breakfast with Santa on December 14.  
**YEA:** Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker  
**Absent:** Garmon  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Discussion and action on employee Christmas bonuses**  
Mayor Minor said that last year all full time employees got \$200 and part time employees got \$100.  
A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Smith to give Christmas bonuses the same as last  
**YEA:** McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam  
**Absent:** Garmon  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Old Business**

### **1. Discussion and action on Village of Lovington Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014 tabled from November 4, 2013 meeting**

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Walker to approve Ordinance No. O-12092013 which is The Village of Lovington Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014 as presented.

**YEA:** Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, McMahan

**Absent:** Garmon

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Minutes and action of Village Clerk**

### **1. Discussion and action on November invoices**

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to accept the November invoices as presented.

**YEA:** Smith, Walker, Anklam, McMahan, Morgan

**Absent:** Garmon

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **2. Discussion and action on November 04, 2013 Regular Board meeting minutes.**

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklam to approve November 04, 2013 Regular Board meeting as presented.

**YEA:** Walker, Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith

**Absent:** Garmon

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **1. Discussion and action on November 2013 Treasurer's reports.**

A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Smith to accept the November 2013 treasurer's report as presented.

**YEA:** Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

**Absent:** Garmon

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Department Reports**

### **Presidents Report – by Jim Minor**

Report & action if needed

#### **1. Shooters and East End are requesting to stay opened an hour later on New Year's Eve which would be 2 AM on January 1, 2014.**

A **Motion** was made by Smith and seconded by McMahan to allow both Shooters and East End to stay opened one hour later on New Year's Eve until 2 AM on January 1, 2014.

**YEA:** Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, McMahan

**Absent:** Garmon

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **2. Hand's free cell phones for employees were discussed because of the change in the law as of January 1, 2014 - Police officer's do not need to have hands free cell phones to take emergency calls. The discussion was - if an employee gets a phone call while driving, they will need to pull over to answer or call the person back when they get stopped.**

### **Water and Sewer Report – by Jim McMahan**

Water billing report –For December there were 505 customers, 28 days in the billing cycle, 1,436,500 gallons of water used, \$19,918.29 was billed.

1. There was a 50,000 gal per day leak in front of Dave Eckles house – because of the meter didn't get turned off at his house it burned up an element in his water heater. It was decided that we should pay for the repair of the water heater.
2. There were two loads of salt delivered because of a miscommunication and that has been taken care of.
3. Jeremy Doggett has vacation time that he can't take he is requesting to be paid for 5 days and would like to take the week of Christmas off. Chris Gillis is going to have surgery this Friday and doesn't know how long he will be off so Trustee McMahan and Mayor Minor will decide after the surgery if Jeremy Doggett can be off the week of Christmas and how to handle his vacation time.

### **Parks and Special Projects –Dennis Garmon absent**

None

**Police – by Pam Anklam**

1. Police report - Reports taken – 7, Calls dispatched – 14, Calls officer initiated – 3, Warning Citations issued – 4, State Citations Issued – 0, Juvenile Cases - 3, Misdemeanor Cases – 9, Felony Cases – 3, Agency Assists – 3, Total hours - 287
2. Animal Control report – 6 calls, 6 residents.
3. Policemen Clark had a fire at his home and will be moving to Lovington until his house is livable again.

**Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith**

1. With Chris Gillis having surgery and not sure what all will be done.
2. They have been working on snow plow and street sweeper
3. The Christmas decorations where put up.
4. He will be talking to Chris Gillis about what it would cost to get a cul-de-sac done.
5. Morgan commented that he appreciated that Chris got the flags out for Pearl Harbor day

**Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker**

1. Ralph Zancha's building (former Village Hall) – the Village purchased two heaters instead of purchasing an electric furnace because he was told it wouldn't be worth the money for only 2 years of use. The heaters can only get the heat up to 60 degrees. Ralph has gotten a propane tank and needs an orifice for the gas furnace that is currently in the building. The orifice is coming from Texas and would cost around \$50.00 – The board gave Trustee Walker the discretion about paying him for it.
2. Report on the two houses that need torn down – the inspector can't go into the house unless the owners allow them to. He can do a visual inspection on the outside only. Walker is having him do that and when paper work comes in then Mayor Minor will need to sign off on it.

**Insurance – by Barry Morgan**

1. Behind the East End a girl stepped in a meter pit that had been knocked off. The paper work has been turned in and he has no update by the girl or the insurance company.

**Adjournment**

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

**YEA:** Morgan, Smith, Walker Anklam

**Absent:** Garmon

**MOTION CARRIED.**



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Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

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January 13, 2014

Date Approved